

# Rancho Carrillo Trail Guide



***A four-mile walking trail in the Rancho Carrillo area of Carlsbad.***



## ***Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park***

Leo Carrillo was perhaps most well known for playing the role of Pancho in the 1950s color television series, *The Cisco Kid*. Leo was famous for his hospitality at Los Quiotes, often hosting large groups of Hollywood guests at his magnificent fiestas. Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The park is closed on Monday. Park hours are extended one hour later during the spring and summer months. Restrooms are available during operating hours.

The open space vegetation includes riparian woodland, freshwater marsh, baccharis scrub and non-native grasslands. A seasonal creek within the drainage area of the open space corridor supports nesting habitat and protective cover from predators of birds. The majority of wildlife in this habitat are small, commonly occurring mammals, reptiles, and avian species, including the California Gnatcatcher.



## ***City Wide Trail System***

### ***Our space. Your place.***

The goal of the citywide trails program is to meet the changing and emerging leisure and quality of life needs of Carlsbad residents, while supporting the protection and preservation of open spaces.

### ***Connecting Communities***

Leave your car behind and take a bike route or trail instead. The city's trails provide a comprehensive network for non-motorized transportation routes, connecting neighborhoods to commercial and business areas, schools, parks and Carlsbad beaches.

## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

Join the many dedicated citizens who care deeply about citywide trails. Citywide trail volunteers are critical for preserving, maintaining, protecting, developing and operating trails in Carlsbad for public use. Volunteers meet on a quarterly basis. It's a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our unique environment—all while making a lasting contribution that will benefit the community for generations to come. If you would like to become a trail volunteer, please contact our community volunteer coordinator at 760-434-2929, or sign up at [www.volunteerincarlsbad.net](http://www.volunteerincarlsbad.net).

### **Driving Directions:**

I-5 to Palomar Airport Road east on Palomar Airport Road to El Camino Real. Right (south) on El Camino Real to Poinsettia Lane. Left (east) on Poinsettia Lane (about 2 miles) to Paseo Escuela. Right into Leo Carrillo Elementary School entrance. Parking is available for trails in the lot to the right. Parking is also available at Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park. Park closes at 5 P.M.

For more information  
[www.carlsbadca.gov/trails](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/trails)



## Trail Use Regulations

1. Stay on the designated trail. CPC 602
2. Put litter in containers provided. Do not leave or deposit any litter. CMC 11.32.030(1)
3. Pick up after your pet. CMC 7.08.010, SDCC 62.670
4. All pets must be on a hand-held leash under 6' long. CMC Sec. 7.08.010, SDCC Sec. 62.669
5. Bicycle riders 17 years and younger must wear a helmet. CVC 21212
6. Bicycles should be driven at safe speeds considering all other trail users.
7. Ride or walk on right side when traffic is coming from the opposite direction or when someone signals they would like to pass.
8. Motorized vehicles and horses are not allowed on this trail. CMC Secs. 11.32.030(11), 11.32.030(19)
9. No smoking, fires or firearms.  
CMC Secs. 11.32.030(2), 11.32.030(4), 11.32.110
10. Report accidents or emergencies to the Police Department (Dial 911).
11. Report trails maintenance problems or vandalism to the Parks Maintenance division at 760-434-2824.
12. Non-emergencies or violations of the above rules and regulations, call 24-hour police dispatch, 760-931-2197.

## Important Phone Numbers

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| Police & Fire (Emergencies Only)        | 911          |
| 24-Hour Non-Emergency                   | 760-931-2197 |
| Parks Division (Trail Maintenance)      | 760-434-2824 |
| Graffiti Removal                        | 760-434-6700 |
| Parks & Recreation Admin                | 760-434-2826 |
| The Center For Natural Lands Management | 760-731-7790 |



## Trail Highlights

The approximately four-mile trail is divided by Melrose Drive into two routes, one on each side of Melrose Drive. The trail east of Melrose connects to the San Marcos trail system in the open space corridor at Carlsbad's eastern border. The trail west of Melrose connects with the trails of Bressi Ranch, The Greens and Alga Norte Park. While hiking the trail, be sure to stop by the Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, the jewel in the center of the trail system.